

Ongoing Medical Benefits - HIV/Auto Immune Deficiency Demonstration



The Ongoing Medical Benefits – HIV/Auto Immune Deficiency Demonstration will provide support services and health benefits to current SSDI beneficiaries with a diagnosis of human immunodeficiency virus / acquired immune deficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS), immune and/or auto-immune disorder.

Research has shown that many persons with HIV/AIDS or other immune related disorders would like to return to work, but are unable to return to their previous jobs. Other research has shown that these individuals may not know how to approach returning to work after a period of unemployment due to their condition. Though recent medical advances have resulted in improved health and/or life expectancy, many persons with HIV and immune related disorders struggle with the ability to pay for costly medical treatment and services.

What States are involved?

California

How does it work?

Beneficiaries who are selected to participate will receive a health benefits package as well as employment services and service coordination as they attempt to return to work.

The purpose of this demonstration is to provide immediate access to healthcare services and resources required for a successful return to work. The health benefits will be designed to provide beneficiaries with HIV or other immune related disorders with health coverage to ensure they receive adequate medical treatment for their impairments.

Project participants will also receive employment service coordination from the California Department of Rehabilitation. Each beneficiary enrolled will be assessed to determine the types of services and/or interventions needed for a sustained and successful return to work. An Expert Medical Unit, comprised of medical specialists in the HIV/auto-immune field, will be established to provide expert guidance regarding issues relevant to this population.

SSA's Expectations

Results derived from this demonstration project will help SSA to determine if such interventions can better help our beneficiaries achieve a faster and sustained return to work. Such efforts will hopefully result in increased self-sufficiency for disability beneficiaries as well as trust-fund savings for SSA.

For More Information

If you have questions about the Ongoing Medical Benefits--HIV/Auto Immune Deficiency Demonstration, please contact us at ssa.demonstrations@ssa.gov

